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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

please amend the above-identified Application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 30: remove the first paragraph and insert therefor:

additional production which is directly involved in the condensation of this nucleic acid.

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Preferably, it acts directed at the level of the nucleic acid. For example, the precompacting agent may be any polycation, for example polylysine. According to a preferred embodiment, this